

BREA Minutes (approved by voice vote at June 11, 2019 meeting)

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Brookhaven Retired Employees Association BREA:

BNL Bldg. 400A

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Upton, NY 11973

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday May 14, 2019; 1:00 PM, BNL Bldg. 400 Rms. 1 and 2, Upton, NY. Minutes recorded by Arnold Moodenbaugh.

Attendees: Violet Bezler, Victor Cassella, Linda Commander, Cheryl Conrad, Eena-Mai Franz, Mark Israel, Robert Kinsey Lillian Kouchinsky, Jim Lemley, Beth Yu Lin, Andrew McNerney, Ken Mohring, Arnold Moodenbaugh, George Oldham, Arnie Peskin, Liz Seubert, Steve Shapiro, Don Sievers. No call in attendees.

Officers 2018-2020: President: Steve Shapiro shapiro@bnl.gov; Vice President: Bob Kinsey; Secretary: Arnold Moodenbaugh; Treasurer: Lillian Kouchinsky; Membership Secretary: Beth Lin; Newsletter Editor: Mona Rowe.

1. Call to order. President Steve Shapiro opened the meeting at about 1:00 PM. Sign in sheets were circulated for attendees, with names collected shown above.

2. Minutes. Draft minutes of the April meeting were circulated. Approval of the minutes was deferred to later in the meeting, allowing members present to review the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report. Steve Shapiro reported on the Treasury activity. He reported balances of the various BREA accounts. Dues were received totaling \$340.00. Expenses included about \$300.00 for mailing of the Newsletter. Coffee and cookies at an earlier meeting cost \$70.00. Report was approved by voice vote.

4. Membership Report. Beth Yu Lin reported that 4 dues payments were received last month. BREA has 326 paid members. 68 members receive the newsletter by email. All others receive paper copy. BNL recently sent a mailing to all 1500 BNL retirees. BREA then has about 20% of BNL retirees enrolled.

5. Community Advisory Council CAC. Eena-mai Franz reported on the April CAC meeting. One presentation was about the BNL study of coastal microclimates. Dr. Scott Campbell, Laboratory Chief, Arthropod-Borne Disease Laboratory, Suffolk County (NY) Department of Health Services, discussed tick-borne diseases and distributed a "Tick ID Card" to CAC attendees. Mark Israel said that the May meeting has three issues coming up. One subject will be testing of homeowner wells for contamination from fire-fighting chemicals used at BNL and other locations. There will be an overview of BNL infrastructure upgrades, including the demolition of Bldg. 130/134 and planned redevelopment of the site as a park area. Finally, Anna Goldberg will discuss BWIS (Women in Science) activities on the occasion of BWIS's 40th Anniversary.

6. Newsletter. Mona Rowe provided a list of topics to be covered in the upcoming July/Aug. BREA newsletter. There will be a President's Message, photo coverage of the Annual Luncheon, a reminder to members on dues that need to be submitted, and memoria, with other news if space is available.

7. Workers Health Protection Program (WHPP). There was a well attended meeting about the WHPP program on May 2. This program offers health evaluations for BNL retirees. There is a separate program, EEOIC, administered by the US Dept. of Labor that provides compensation to ex-employees who have, or had, certain job-related illnesses. There have been 3000 submitted applications for compensation from BNL-connected individuals, with about 1600 receiving compensation. Victor Casella has been associated with the WHPP.

8. Annual Luncheon. Liz Seubert reported that the speaker for the Wed., June 12, luncheon at the Bellport Country Club will be Steve Coleman, Associate Lab Director for Environment, Safety, and Health. The price of the luncheon will be \$40. Ken Mohring and Arnold Moodenbaugh will help with sign-in. Georgia Irving, Pat Flood, and Ed Sperry will help sell tickets for the 50/25/25 raffle. Jen Abramowitz and Rick Backoffen are offered BREA lunches as recognition of their efforts in producing the new logo.

9 BRE A Logo Committee. Liz Seubert brought images of the new logo for BRE A, finalized by BNL graphic designer Jen Abramowitz. The logo design is based on a combination of two submitted ideas: first, Jim Lemley's map of Long Island showing BNL's location, with the addition of Don Sievers' sun idea. Prizes are a free BRE A Luncheon each.

10. BNL cafeteria operations. The BNL contract for operation of the Berkner cafeteria expires at the end of June. The operator apparently has difficulty making a profit, and there may be no acceptable bidders for the contract. It is not clear if the cafeteria will operate after June 30.

2. Minutes. The minutes of the April meeting were approved by voice vote.

11. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at about 2:00

The June meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 11, 2019, in rooms 1 and 2 of Building 400 at BNL.